

AP United States Government & Politics

About the Exam

Study the key concepts and institutions of the political system and culture of the United States. You'll read, analyze, and discuss the U.S. Constitution and other documents as well as complete a research or applied civics project.

Update: Roe v. Wade

We've received questions from AP teachers about the status of *Roe v. Wade* (1973), one of the 15 required Supreme Court cases. The Supreme Court recently overturned *Roe* in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* (2022). Accordingly, *Roe* no longer applies as precedent for Topic 3.9, "Amendments: Due Process and the Right to Privacy." Furthermore, the full set of legal implications related to the *Dobbs* decision and the status of *Roe* remain uncertain and are likely to evolve. Because AP Exam questions are drafted years before they are administered, future questions about the role of this case as precedent are at risk of becoming inaccurate and confusing to students.

Consequently, teachers and students should not expect exam questions related to *Roe v. Wade* on the 2023 AP Exam. The AP Program is evaluating inclusion of *Roe* on future AP Exams and will post an update this fall.

Exam Overview

The AP U.S. Government and Politics Exam will test your understanding of the political concepts covered in the course units, including your ability to analyze the foundational documents and to apply Supreme Court decisions you studied in the course to real-life scenarios.

Exam Duration

3hrs -- This does not include proctor instruction, which adds about an extra hour to the day.

Monday, May 6, 2024 @ 7:45 AM (Door opens at 7:30 AM) Location: Auditorium

Students will be excused from all classes on test day.

*Students that arrive late will **not be allowed** to take the exam and will have to pay the restock fee.*

Exam Components

Section I: Multiple Choice

55 questions | 1hr 20 min | 50% of Exam Score

The multiple-choice section includes individual, single questions as well as sets of questions.

You'll be asked to:

- Describe, explain, and compare political concepts and processes
- Apply Supreme Court decisions in real-life scenarios
- Analyze data in graphs, charts, tables, maps, or infographics
- Read and analyze foundational documents and other text-based and visual sources

Section II: Free Response

4 questions | 1hr 40min | 50% of Exam Score

In the free-response section, you'll respond to **four questions** with written answers. The section includes:

- **1 concept application question:** You'll describe and explain the effects of a political institution, behavior, or process, and apply concepts in a new situation.
- **1 quantitative analysis question:** You'll analyze data in the form of a table, graph, map, or infographic to find patterns and trends and reach a conclusion.
- **1 SCOTUS comparison question:** You'll compare a nonrequired Supreme Court case with a required one, explaining how information from the required case is relevant to the nonrequired one.
 - The prompt specifies 1 required SCOTUS case, and you are asked to **identify** how that required case is related to the case given in the scenario.
- **1 argument essay:** You'll write an evidence-based essay supporting a claim or thesis.

The above information can be found at the following website:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-united-states-government-and-politics/assessment>

What to Bring on AP Exam Day

What to Bring:

- An [acceptable calculator](#) if your AP Exam allows the use of a calculator.
- A watch that does not have internet access, does not beep or make noise, and does not have an alarm.
- Chromebook with charger for AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam.
- Although the following will be provided for you. You are welcome to bring your own.
 - No. 2 pencils (No mechanical pencils)
 - Pens with black or dark blue ink

What NOT to Bring:

- Electronic equipment including phones, smartwatches, fitness trackers, wearable technology, cameras, recording or listening devices, or any other type of electronic or communication device.
 - Chromebooks are allowed only for the AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam.
- Books, reference guides, notes, compasses, protractors, mechanical pencils, pencils that are not No. 2, correction fluid, dictionaries, highlighters, or colored pencils.
- Scratch paper: Students are prohibited from bringing scratch paper to the AP Exam. For AP Chinese and AP Japanese Exams, scratch paper will be provided.
- Watches that beep, make a noise, or have an alarm.
- Computers or calculators that are not approved.
- Reference guides, keyboard maps, or other typing instructions.
- Ear plugs.
- Clothing or shoes with subject-related information.
- Food or drink.
 - You are not permitted to eat while testing. Students will not be released during the 1st lunch and might be late for 2nd lunch. You are able to eat in the designated area during the 10-minute break between Sections 1 and 2 of the exam. You can have a water bottle with you while testing, just do not drink over the booklets.
- Clipboards.

A student observed with any of these prohibited items during testing or breaks may be dismissed from the exam, the device may be confiscated, the student's score may be canceled, and no retest may be permitted.

Follow any specific health and safety protocols for the exam room that your school may have in place. AP policies allow you to bring hand sanitizer to the room, but it must be placed under the desk, not on the desk. You may use any other PPE (such as masks) following your school's current requirements.

Exam Fees

Exam fees can be paid to the bookkeeping office starting Monday, May 20.

Exam Fee: \$97 per exam

- **\$40 unused/canceled exam fee** *will be charged to any student that decides not to take the AP exam and/or drops an AP class after Nov. 1st.*
- Some students may qualify for a CollegeBoard fee reduction or waiver.
 - *Please see the Testing Secretary for more details. Students that qualify for the fee reduction and have all paperwork submitted, will have exam fees waived.*

If you are not sure how much you need to pay or if you qualify for the fee reduction, please come by the Testing Window for clarification.

The ASB office accepts the following:

- Cash
- Card – **NOT Accepted:** Discover & American Express (AMEX)
- Check made payable to: **Eastmont High School - EHS** **Please confirm the fee amount before writing a check.*
- No online or over-the-phone payments
- Payment plan options are available – **Please see Ms. Lepez at the Bookkeeping Office.**

There are many resources on the College Board website, take some time to review before test day.

Feel free to contact the EHS Bookkeeping Office or myself, if you have any questions or concerns regarding exam fees.

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